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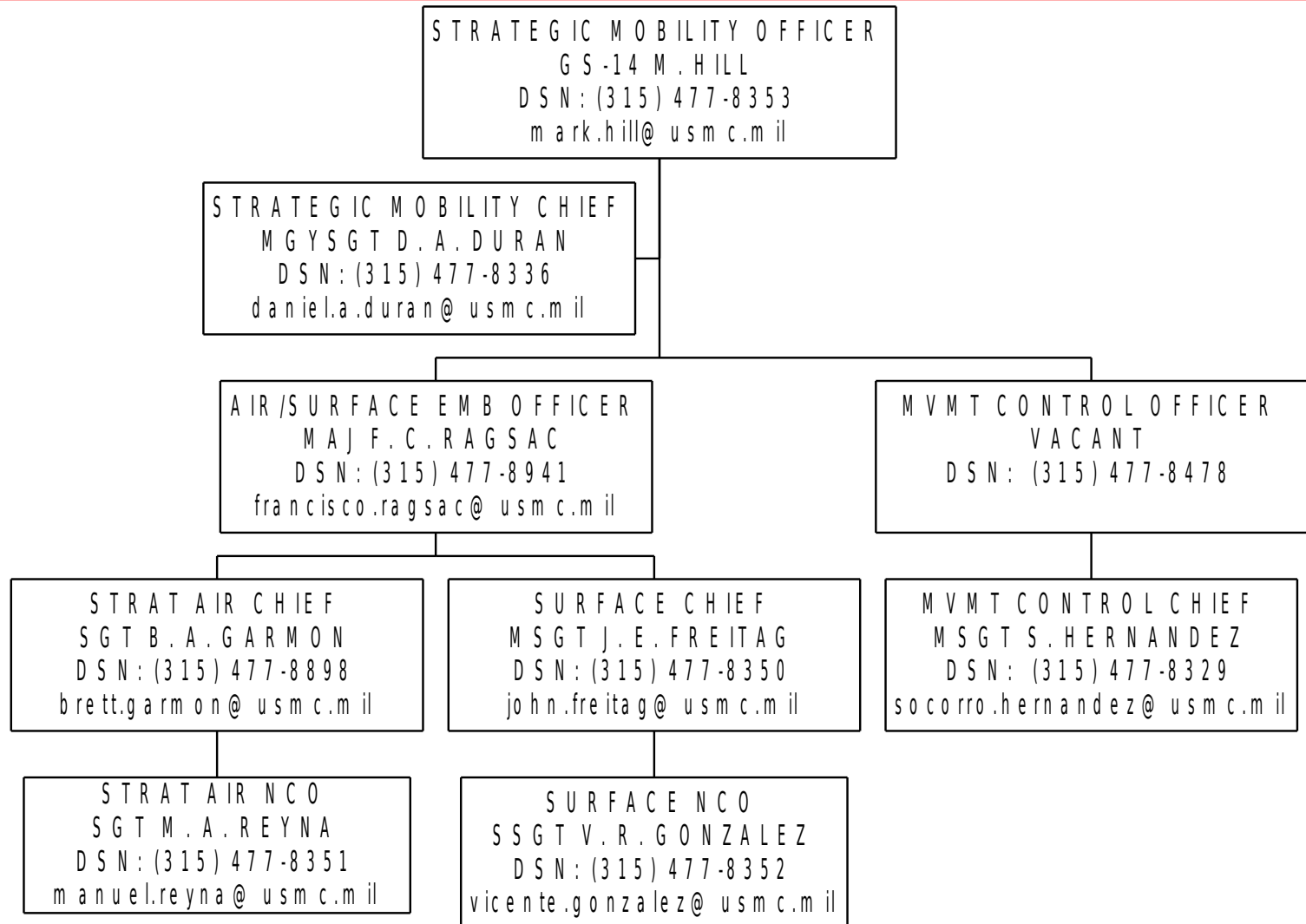
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# MARFORPAC G-4 MOBILITY





# **Relocation of Amphibious Ships to Hawaii**





# Analysis of Problem

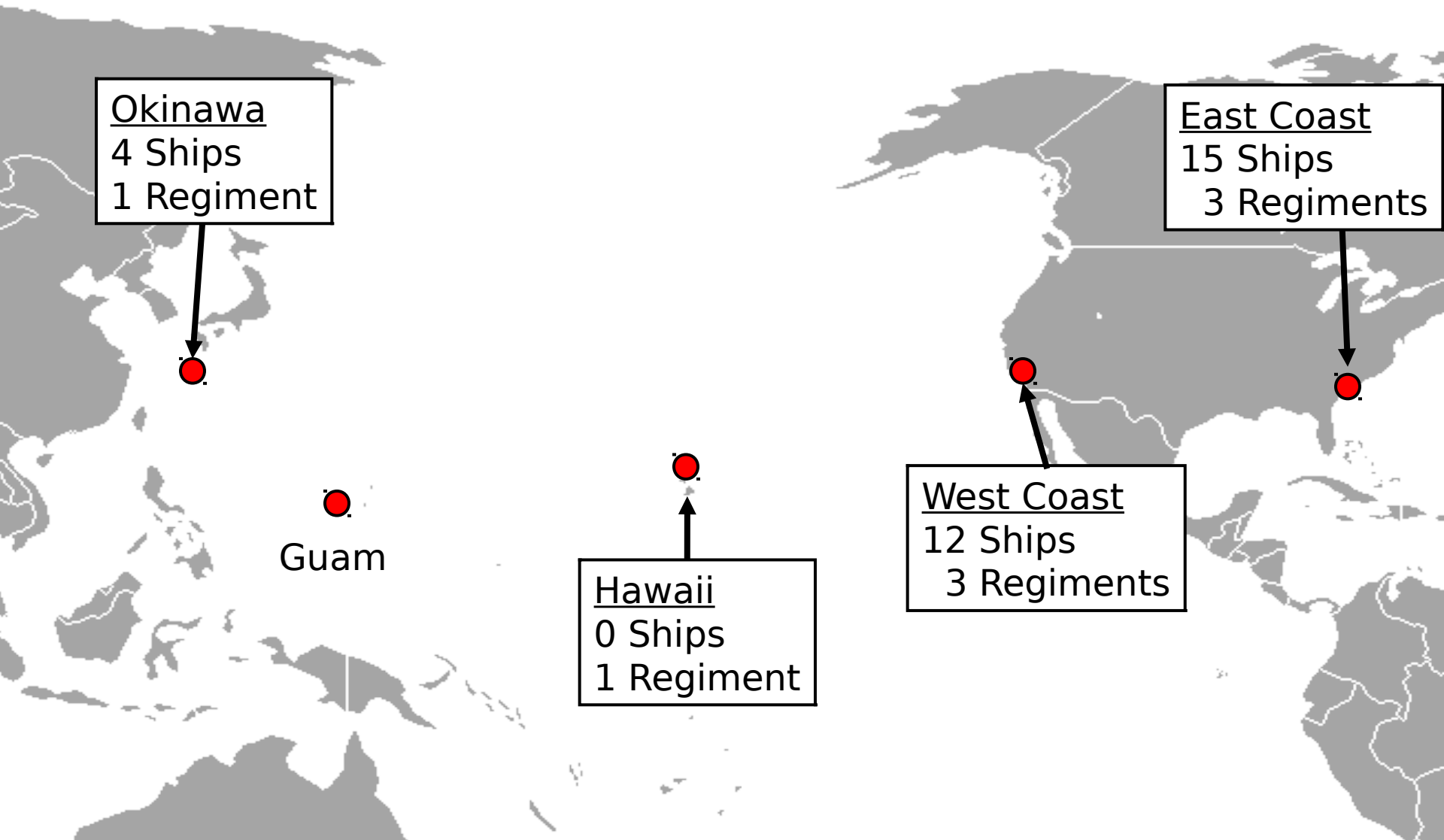
- Problem Statement: Operational mobility is out of balance with force lay down

None of these options provide long term desired effects.

- Strategic air lift
  - Operational “Request For Forces” submissions
  - Maritime lift using JHSV ships
- Requires reexamination of the ratio of amphibious lift to Marine forces



# Current Amphibious Ship Laydown



Okinawa  
4 Ships  
1 Regiment

Guam

Hawaii  
0 Ships  
1 Regiment

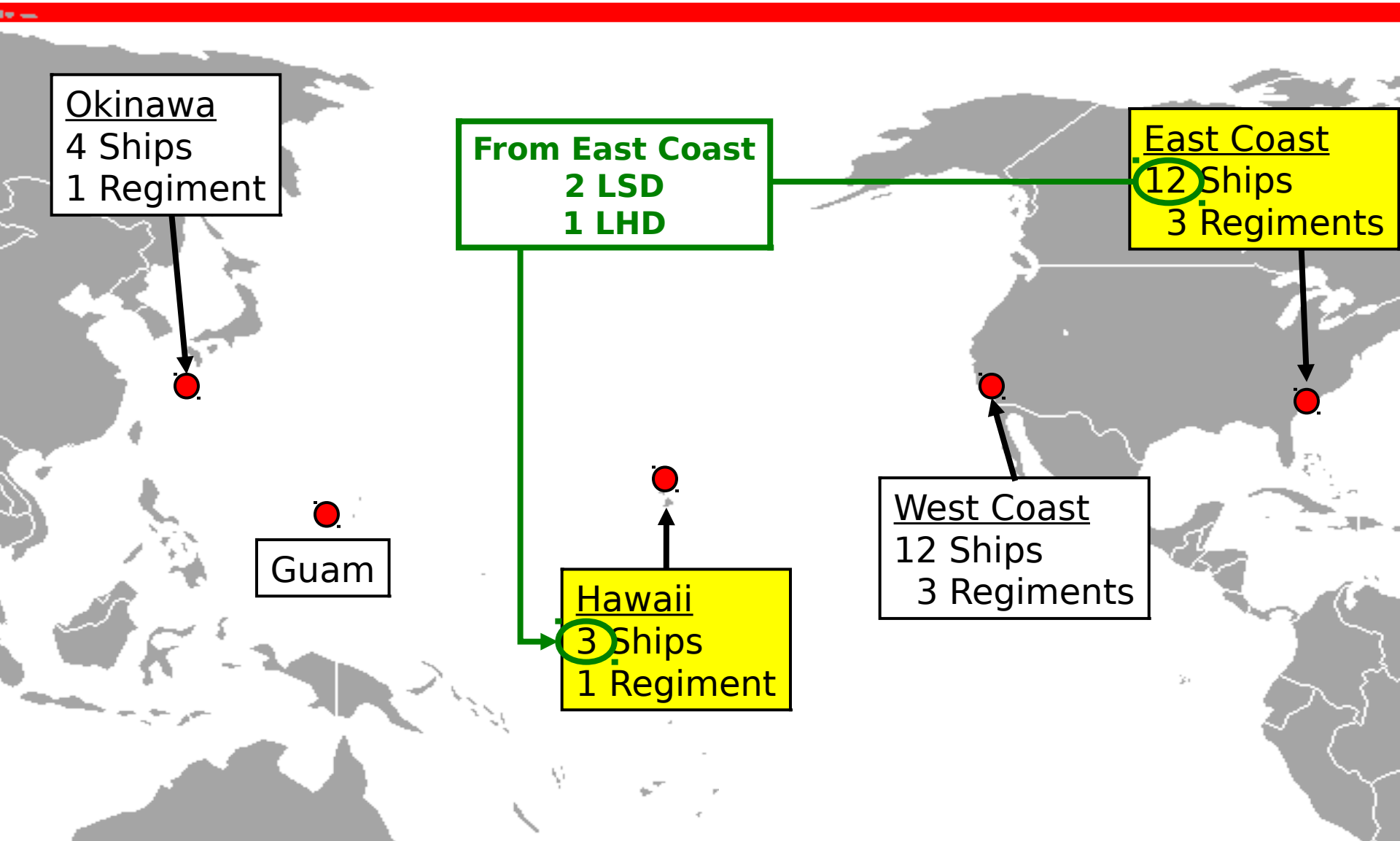
West Coast  
12 Ships  
3 Regiments

East Coast  
15 Ships  
3 Regiments



# Proposed Laydown

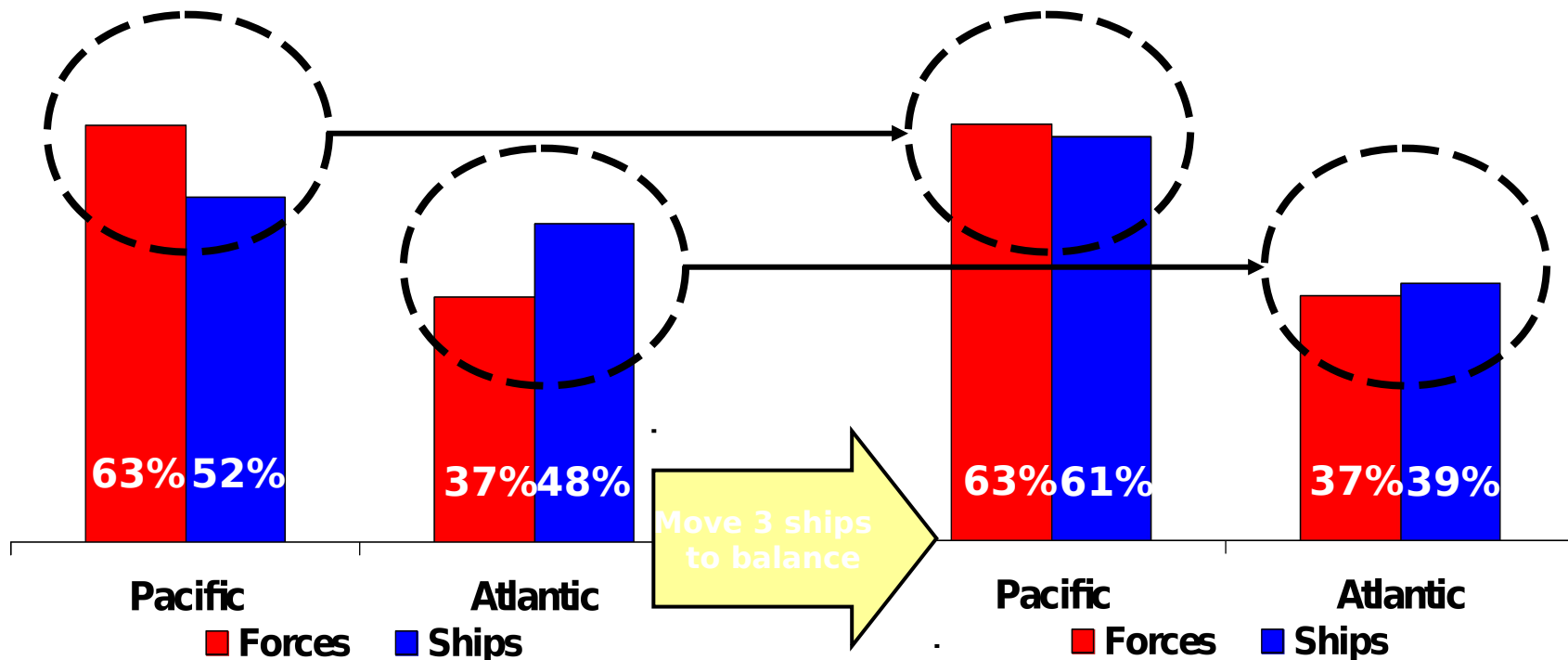
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# Proposed Laydown

*“Balanced Alignment” (Move 3 ships from Atlantic to Pacific)*



Pacific  
16 of 31 Ships = 52%; 5 of 8 Regiments = 63%

Atlantic

Pacific  
19 of 31 Ships = 61%; 5 of 8 Regiments = 63%

Atlantic  
12 of 31 Ships = 39%; 3 of 8 Regiments = 37%



# Opportunities Realized through Rebalancing

1. Balances mobility with force lay down
2. Closes coherent capabilities earlier in the most dangerous scenarios
3. Provides operational lift to enable timely, persistent, and sustained presence for the most likely scenarios
4. Postures USMC forces to be the force of choice





# Questions / Comments





## III MEF MDDOC

- **III MEF General Discussion Points**
- **III MEF Distribution related issues:**
  - MDDOC Composition
  - Operations Role in Distribution
  - MDDOC Placement in MEF
  - Senior MEF 0430; SMO or MDO



# III MEF MDDOC

- **General Discussion Points:**

- III MEF Focus: OIF, OEF, SFI (incl PACOM Ex/Ops), consistent HA/DR Ops (Burma?)
- Optempo -vs- realistic manpower restraints
- Consistency across MSCs: Reset 0430's at Regt/Grp level and higher (CLR concerns)
- III MEF's dependency on Strat air/sealift to conduct ex/op missions will only increase with USMC force reset (WAP/ATARA) that includes wider displacement (incl Guam)



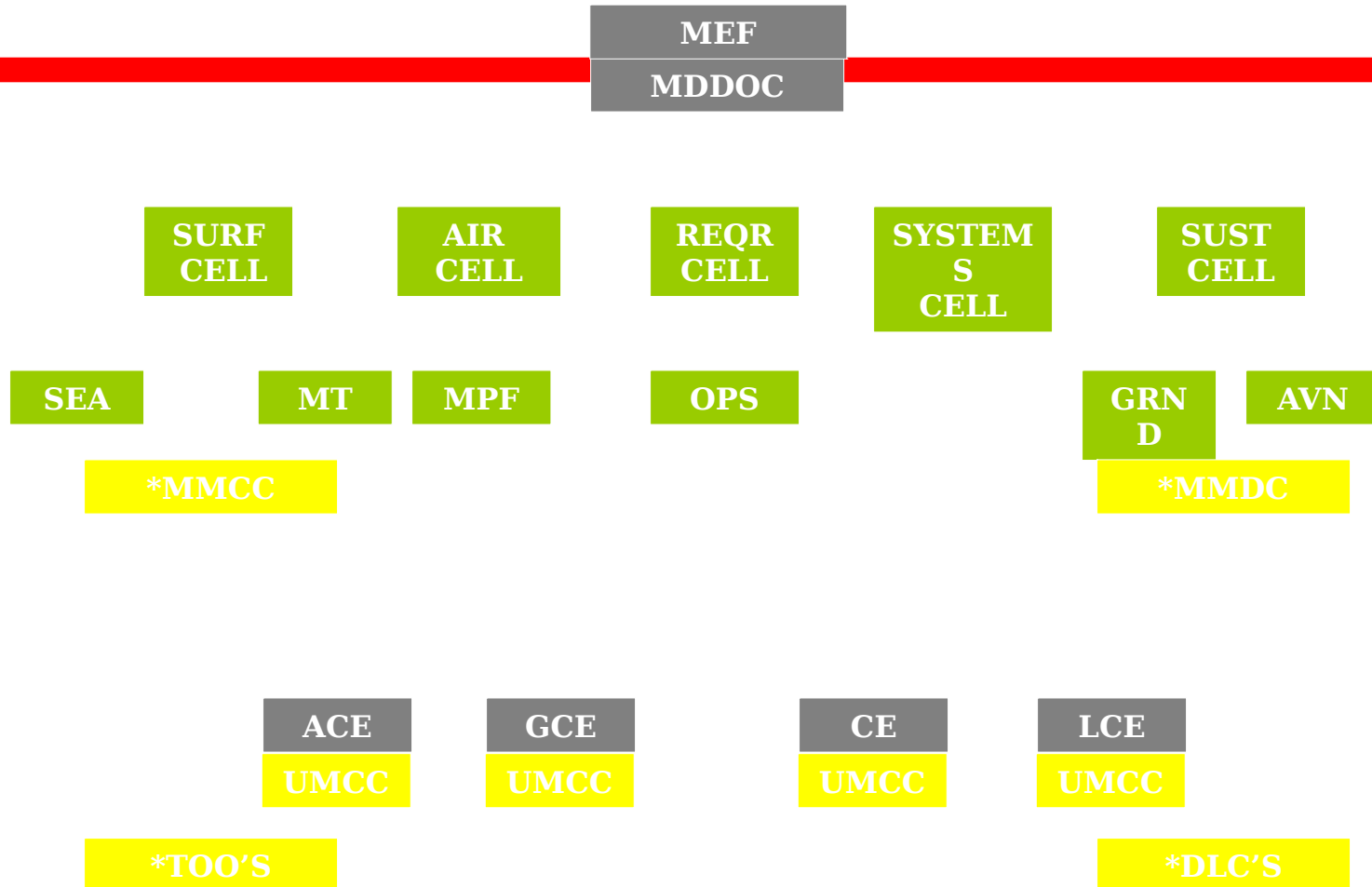
# III MEF DISTRIBUTION ARCHITECTURE

- **MDDOC Composition**

- III MEF has (5) cells:
  - Air
  - Surface (Sealift, MPF, MT (or Grd Trans))
  - Sustainment (Grd and Avn)
  - Systems
  - Requirements
- Is this template acceptable at I and II MEF?
- Once aligned, TO's should be set



# III MEF DISTRIBUTION ARCHITECTURE



**\*RESIDE IN LCE: EFFORTS OF DIST SPT AGENCIES SYNCHRONIZED UNDER MDDOC**





# G4 SMO - Before (Jan 08)

**LtCol Couture  
SMO**

**Maj Rudd  
Asst SMO**

**MSgt  
Rudolph  
SMO Chf**

## **MOTOR T SECTION**

**MGySgt  
Rankin  
MT Officer**

**SSgt  
McLaughlin  
Chf**

## **MPF SECTION**

**Capt  
Meisinger  
MPF Officer**

**GySgt  
Ruberg  
MPF Chf**

**Cpl  
Freeman  
MPF NCO**

## **AIR SECTION**

**CWO5  
Clifford  
Air Officer**

**Sgt Kennedy  
Air Chf**

**Cpl Mondal  
Air NCO**

**Maj  
Bradley  
AMC LNO**

## **SURFACE SECTION**

**Capt  
Edwards  
Surf Officer**

**SSgt  
Contreras  
Surf Chf**

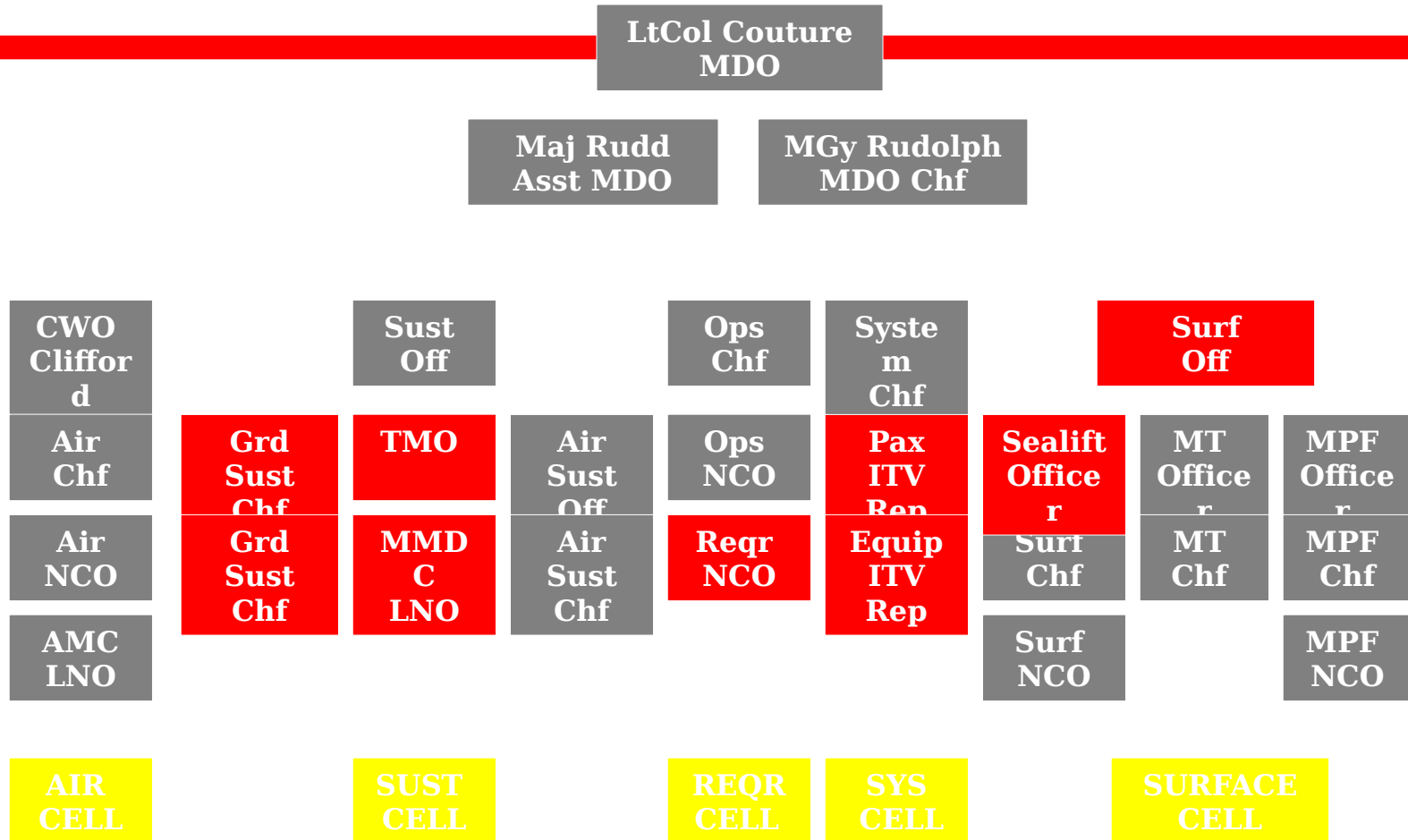
**Sgt  
Avellanet  
Surf NCO**

## **ADMIN SECTION**

**Sgt Lopez  
Systems/  
Schools  
NCO**



# G4 MDDOC – After (Apr 08)



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# III MEF DISTRIBUTION ARCHITECTURE

- **Operations Role in Distribution?**

- IAW MDDP, “distribution-related activities include force deployment, MarFor and MAGTF sustainment, maneuver, mobility, and retrograde in support of the execution of Ccdr operations plans, conceptual plans, and other operations and exercises.”
- Operations drives logistics, and distribution is more than just logistics. Our operators and planners at the MEF level must play an integral role in distribution planning for the MDDOC to be successful or efficient.
- Does I MEF’s organizational layout facilitate implementation of the MDDP (MDDOC activation, etc..) better than the traditional MEF staff layout?





# III MEF DISTRIBUTION ARCHITECTURE

- **MDDOC Placement in MEF**

- Distribution has been a “Log driven” effort.
- Current direction has MDDOC under MEF G4
- Alternative: Stand-alone agency, “fusion” of Log/Ops with potential for far greater efficiency (integrate ops & log plng IOT execute smartly)
- Manning implications on MEF T/O are significant
- Regardless of COA, recommend HQMC, Component, and MEF (both Ops & Log) determine whether to integrate. Uniformity is key.
- Without HQMC PP&O recognition/prioritization over distribution efforts, I don’t believe integration with ops will occur



# III MEF DISTRIBUTION ARCHITECTURE

- **Senior MEF 0430; SMO or MDO??**
  - Precedence is important and this is a huge paradigm shift (i.e. no Strategic Mobility Officer or SMO section of the G4).
  - This decision drives T/O, staffing, and reorganization efforts.
  - Before we make major adjustments to the MEF T/O's we need to agree on direction.